

STATEMENT OF REASONS
WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
CHAPTER 32
REGULATION GOVERNING FIREARM CARTRIDGES
AND ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

W.S. § 23-1-302 directs and empowers the Commission to promulgate such orders as the Commission deems necessary to carry out the intent of this regulation.

W.S. § 23-2-104 empowers the Commission to establish rules and regulation specifications for archery equipment used for taking big or trophy game animals.

W.S. § 23-3-110 empowers the Commission to establish rules and regulations governing firearms and ammunition specifications for taking game birds and wild turkeys.

W.S. § 23-3-111 empowers the Commission to establish rules and regulations governing firearms and ammunition specifications for taking big or trophy game animals.

In Section 3, edits have been made to the definition of “Archery Equipment” to include bolts used by crossbows.

In Sections 4 and 5, edits and deletions have been incorporated to designate legal firearm calibers for the taking of big or trophy game animals. These edits are being proposed to simplify this regulation and reduce complexity with regard to legal firearm calibers used for the taking of big game, trophy game, game birds and wild turkey.

In Section 6, edits and deletions have been made to address legal archery equipment for the taking of big or trophy game animals. These edits will simplify and streamline the archery requirements used for the taking of all big or trophy game animals.

Sections 7 and 8 are being deleted in conjunction with the Governor’s initiative to reduce regulation complexity and length where possible.

Other grammatical and formatting edits have been incorporated to provide additional clarity but do not change the intent of the regulation.